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DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS FUNDS
21-A M.R.S.A. Section 1017(8)

A treasurer of a candidate registered under 21-A M.R.S.A. section 1013-A or qualified under sections 335 and 336 or sections 354 and 355 may dispose of a surplus exceeding $50 by:

A. Pro rata distribution to the candidate's or candidate's authorized political committee's contributors;

B. A gift to a qualified political party within the State, including any county or municipal subdivision of such a party;

C. An unrestricted gift to the State;

D. Carrying forward the surplus balance to a political committee established to promote the same candidate for a subsequent election;

D-1. Carrying forward the surplus balance for use by the candidate for a subsequent election

E. Transferring the surplus balance to one or more other candidates registered under section 1013-A or qualified under sections 335 and 336 or sections 354 and 355, or to political committees established to promote the election of those candidates, provided that the amount transferred does not exceed the contribution limits established by section 1015;

F. Repaying any loans or retiring any other debts incurred to defray campaign expenses of the candidate;

G. Paying for any expense incurred in the proper performance of the office to which the candidate is elected, as long as each expenditure is itemized on expenditure reports; and

H. A gift to a charitable or educational organization that is not prohibited, for tax reasons, from receiving such a gift.

The choice must be made by the candidate for whose benefit the contributions were made and distribution of the entire surplus by one or more of the prescribed methods must be completed within 4 years of the election for which the contributions were received.

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